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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 24, 2001

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUE000550

Ex Parte: In the matter concerning the application of Appalachian Power Company d/b/a American Electric Power-Virginia for approval of a plan to transfer functional and operational control of certain transmission facilities to a Regional Transmission Entity

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUE000551

Ex Parte: In the matter concerning the application of Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Virginia Power for approval of a plan to transfer functional and operational control of certain transmission facilities to a Regional Transmission Entity

ORDER GRANTING MOTION

On April 13, 2001, the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") issued an Order Prescribing Notice, Inviting Comments, and Setting Hearing in each of the above-captioned matters.

Among other things, these Orders directed Appalachian Power Company d/b/a American Electric Power-Virginia ("AEP-VA") and

Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Virginia Power ("Dominion Virginia Power") (collectively, the "Companies") to publish the notice of their applications to transfer functional and operational control of certain transmission assets to a Regional Transmission Entity as display advertising, not classified, twice in newspapers having general circulation throughout its service territory no later than May 8, 2001.

On April 20, 2001, AEP-VA and Dominion Virginia Power filed a Joint Motion requesting relief from the requirement to publish the notice twice. In support of the Joint Motion, AEP-VA and Dominion Virginia Power submit that single publication is sufficient to provide the public with reasonable and appropriate notice of the Companies' applications; that the Commission required single publication of notice of AEP-VA's and Dominion Virginia Power's functional separation plans under the Virginia Electric Utility Restructuring Act; that the cost of publishing notice a second time outweighs the benefits; and that AEP-VA and Dominion Virginia Power will serve notice of their applications on local officials as required by the Commission's April 13, 2001, Order.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of this Joint Motion, is of the opinion and finds that the Joint Motion should be granted and that both of our Orders issued in Case No.

PUE000550 and in Case No. PUE000551 respectively should be modified as follows below.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Joint Motion of AEP-VA and Dominion Virginia Power shall be granted.

(2) The publication requirement contained in Ordering Paragraph (7) of our April 13, 2001, Order Prescribing Notice, Inviting Comments, and Setting Hearing issued in Case No. PUE000550 shall be modified such that publication must occur once on or before May 8, 2001, rather than twice.

(3) The publication requirement contained in Ordering Paragraph (7) of our April 13, 2001, Order Prescribing Notice, Inviting Comments, and Setting Hearing issued in Case No. PUE000551 shall be modified such that publication must occur once on or before May 8, 2001, rather than twice.

(4) All other provisions of both our April 13, 2001, Orders Prescribing Notice, Inviting Comments, and Setting Hearing issued in Case No. PUE000550 and in Case No. PUE000551 shall remain in effect.

(5) This case is continued generally.